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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Lookout Report--Communist Transfer of
New Weapons to Vietnam.

1. We have no confirmation of Communist introduction of major new weapons into the Vietnam war.

BLACK SHIELD Photographic Coverage

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2. BLACK SHIELD missions of [REDACTED] flown over North Vietnam north of the panhandle--provided clear photographic coverage of over 40 percent of the country, including the Haiphong, Hanoi, and Thai Nguyen areas, and the Pinghsiang and Dong Dang transshipment points. No surface-to-surface missiles were detected. Clear photography of the entire Haiphong area--taken on [REDACTED]--revealed neither Komar-class guided missile boats nor any other items which could be identified with the four pieces of heavy cargo delivered by the Soviet large-hatch freighter Omsk between [REDACTED]

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3. Photography of the Pinghsiang transshipment point, taken on [REDACTED] showed 465 railcars--the largest number noted there. Sporadic photography generally has shown between 300 and 400 railcars at Pinghsiang during the past year, with a previous high of 425 cars recorded [REDACTED]. In addition, armored vehicles enroute to North Vietnam were observed for the first time at Pinghsiang. Fifteen probable tanks and 25 possible tank/assault guns--canvas-covered and on flatcars--were noted, suggesting a possible increase in the delivery of armored vehicles to the DRV. No new types of military equipment were detected, but the canvas covers over equipment on flatcars usually makes identification of it difficult.

Increase in Number of Soviet Military Aid Personnel

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